GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FEE CONCESSION BY MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recognised medical colleges provide admission and fee concession to the students belonging to the poor and backward sections of society ;

(b) whether the Government has inquired into this aspect of the institutes ;

(c) if so, the details of these educational institutes , State-wise and location-wise;

(d) whether the persons belonging to the affluent section of society alone are provided admission in these institutes ; and

(e) if so, the total number of such cases which have come to the light and the directions issued by the Government to these institutes to provide admission to the students belonging to the backward classes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 31.10.2002 in the TMA Pai Foundation case has held that the private unaided colleges shall have to comply with the conditions, if any, prescribed by the State requiring admission of a small percentage of students belonging to weaker sections of the Society by granting them freeships or scholarships, if not granted by the Government. Further, the Hon`ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 14.8.03 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education has clarified that the State Government may prescribe the percentage of seats in private professional colleges which can be filled by the management. The remaining seats are to be filled up as per merit through the common entrance test conducted by the state agency. The seats filled by the management are also to be filled up as per merit through a common entrance test to be conducted by the association of all colleges in the concerned State or in the absence of such association, by the common entrance conducted by the State Government. In the said judgement, it has further been clarified that each institution shall have the freedom to fix its own fee structure. Each State Government is required to set up a committee under the Chairmanship of a retired High Court Judge to decide whether the fee proposed by the institute is justified and does not amount to profiteering or charging or capitation fee. The said Committee may approve the fee structure proposed by the institute or may propose some other fee which shall be binding on the institute for a period of three years.

For admission of reserved category students in medical institutions/colleges, Central Government has issued guidelines to all the Universities and medical institutions requesting them to ensure that the UGC guidelines for admission of reserved category students and fulfillment of the quota of seats reserved for them are followed strictly in respect of admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses too. However, no specific data in this regard are maintained by the Central Government as admission to medical courses is governed by the respective State Governments/University/Examining Authority/Institutions subject to the provisions of the Regulations of Medical Council of India.